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APPLICATION

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SPECIFICATION

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

BE IT KNOWN THAT I, **BARBARA STEPHENSON**, a citizen
of UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have invented a new and useful
CONTAINER SYSTEM FOR STORING AND PRESENTING
CRAFT MATERIALS of which the following is a specification:

CONTAINER SYSTEM FOR STORING AND PRESENTING CRAFT MATERIALS

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

10 Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to STORAGE CONTAINERS and more particularly pertains to a new container system for storing and presenting craft materials for organizing craft materials for ready
15 access and inspection.

Description of the Prior Art

The use of STORAGE CONTAINERS is known in the prior
20 art. Examples of such containers include U.S. Patent No. 231,478; U.S. Patent No. 3,249,392; and U.S. Patent No. 5,636,743.

While these devices fulfill their respective, particular objectives and requirements, the need remains for a system that
25 enhances the visibility and accessibility of the craft materials being stored.

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

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The present invention meets the needs presented above by utilizing angles lateral supports to support containers of craft

materials in an elevated position with an increased surface area available for viewing while the containers are positioned within the system.

5 Another advantage of the present invention is the transparent housing and lid, which allows for inspection of the craft materials being stored without the need to open the container.

10 Yet another advantage of the present invention is the optimized size for storing seventy-two 14mm by 60mm tubes of craft material.

15 To this end, the present invention generally comprises a housing with a bottom wall and a perimeter wall extending upwardly from the bottom wall defining an interior space, and a plurality of lateral dividers positioned within the housing subdividing the interior space.

20 There has thus been outlined, rather broadly, the more important features of the invention in order that the detailed description thereof that follows may be better understood, and in order that the present contribution to the art may be better appreciated. There are additional features of the invention that will be described hereinafter and which will form the subject matter
25 of the claims appended hereto.

30 The objects of the invention, along with the various features of novelty which characterize the invention, are pointed out with particularity in the claims annexed to and forming a part of this disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The invention will be better understood and objects other than those set forth above will become apparent when consideration is
5 given to the following detailed description thereof. Such description makes reference to the annexed drawing wherein:

Figure 1 is a schematic perspective view of a new container system for storing and presenting craft materials according to the
10 present invention.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

With reference now to the drawings, and in particular to
15 Figure 1 thereof, a new container system for storing and presenting craft materials embodying the principles and concepts of the present invention and generally designated by the reference numeral 10 will be described.

20 As best illustrated in Figure 1, the container system for storing and presenting craft materials 10 generally comprises a housing 20 and a plurality of lateral dividers 30.

The housing 20 has a bottom wall 22 and a perimeter wall 24
25 extending upwardly from the bottom wall 22. The housing 20 defines an interior space.

Each one of the plurality of lateral dividers 30 is positioned within the housing 20. Preferably, each one of the lateral dividers
30 30 includes an angular bias. Thus a bottom edge 32 of each one of the lateral dividers 30 is positioned forward of a top edge 34 of the lateral divider 30. Each one of the lateral dividers 30 is for supporting a container of craft materials 2.

In a preferred embodiment, each one of the lateral dividers 30 has an angular bias of approximately 45 degrees from vertical.

5 A lid portion 40 may be included for selectively closing the housing 20. The lid portion 40 abuts a top edge of the perimeter wall 24 when the lid portion 40 is in a closed position.

At least one longitudinal divider 50 is operationally coupled
10 to at least one of the plurality of lateral dividers 30. The longitudinal divider 50 subdivides the interior space.

In an embodiment the housing 20 is transparent to facilitate visual inspection of the craft materials positioned within the
15 housing 20. The housing 20 may be made from a plastic material.

In a further embodiment the housing 20 is rectangular, with a length of approximately 12 inches, a width of approximately 8 inches, and a height of approximately 3 inches. The length, width,
20 and height are selected for optimally storing up to seventy-two plastic bead containers 2 with a uniform size of 14 mm by 60 mm.

The lid portion 40 may be transparent to facilitate inspection of the craft materials positioned within the housing 20 when the lid
25 portion 40 is in a closed position. Additionally, the lid portion 40 may be hingeably coupled to the housing 20.

In a further preferred embodiment, the plurality of lateral dividers 30 comprises seven lateral dividers 30 uniformly dispersed
30 within the interior space, and a pair of longitudinal dividers 50 uniformly spaced within the interior space.

With respect to the above description then, it is to be realized that the optimum dimensional relationships for the parts of the invention, to include variations in size, materials, shape, form, function and manner of operation, assembly and use, are deemed
5 readily apparent and obvious to one skilled in the art, and all equivalent relationships to those illustrated in the drawings and described in the specification are intended to be encompassed by the present invention.

10 Therefore, the foregoing is considered as illustrative only of the principles of the invention. Further, since numerous modifications and changes will readily occur to those skilled in the art, it is not desired to limit the invention to the exact construction and operation shown and described, and accordingly, all suitable
15 modifications and equivalents may be resorted to, falling within the scope of the invention.